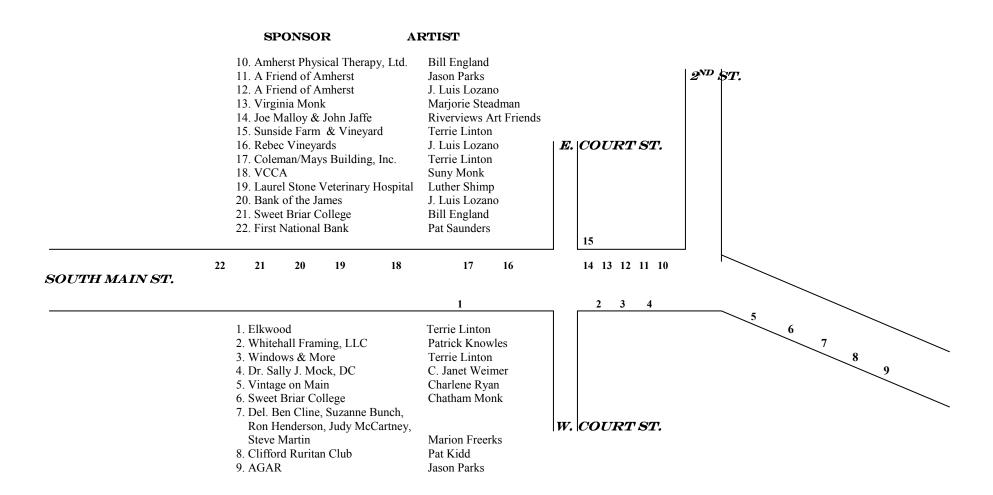
AMHERST ARTMETERS LOCATOR MAP 2009



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AND THANK YOU TO OUR JURORS WHOSE ARTISTIC AND PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WAS INVALUABLE

THE ARTMETERS PROJECT

IN THE SPRING OF 2008 THE TOWN OF AMHERST FACED A QUANDARY: THE PENNY PARKING METERS WERE NO LONGER USEABLE, YET THEIR BASES WERE HOLDERS FOR HOLIDAY FLAGS.

ENVISIONED BY A GROUP OF LOCAL CITIZENS, THE ARTMETERS PROJECT OFFERED A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT LOCAL ARTISTS TRANSFORM THE OUTDATED METERS INTO A GALLERY OF SIDEWALK ART. THE PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY THE AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL AT ITS JANUARY 14. 2009 MEETING AS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND A UNIQUE WAY TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS, VISITORS, SHOPPERS AND DINERS TO VISIT DOWNTOWN AMHERST. THE THEME FOR THIS INAUGURAL YEAR IS "WHAT I LOVE ABOUT AMHERST" AND INTENDS TO HIGHLIGHT THE SPECIAL ASPECTS OF OUR AREA THAT ARE MOST CHERISHED.

TWENTY-TWO ARTMETERS WERE SPONSORED BY BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS, INDIVIDUALS, SCHOOLS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS WHO JOINED ARTISTS IN THIS CREATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT TO PRESERVE AN IMPORTANT AND DIMINISHING FEATURE OF THE AMERICAN SMALL TOWN: ITS UNIQUE PERSONALITY.

TRANSFORMED ARTMETERS WERE UNVEILED AT A CEREMONY ON JULY 8, 2009.